

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 SCHEDULE OF FEES, FINES, AND OTHER CHARGES (ORDINANCE NO. 20110912-007) TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR BILLBOARD REGISTRATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. Findings.**

- (A) The City has the authority, pursuant to its police power and Chapter 216 of the Texas Local Government Code, to regulate non-conforming off-premise signs (commonly referred to as “billboards”).
- (B) As reflected in Resolution No. 20071108-128, Council previously found that the City’s ability to enforce billboard regulations has been hampered. In Ordinance No. 20080605-076, the Council reiterated the City’s requirement to register billboards.
- (C) The Council finds that it is necessary to require registration of billboards for effective enforcement of all current non-conforming off-premise sign regulations.
- (D) The Council finds that billboard registration information must, at a minimum, be collected and verified. The Council further finds, as part of the billboard registration program, that the City should conduct on-site inspections of billboards to verify that the information provided by the registrant is accurate and up-to-date.
- (E) At this time, the Council finds that the City’s costs are \$190 per sign per year. This finding is based on the “cost of service” study completed in 2011 by an outside entity.

**PART 2.** The 2011-12 Fee Schedule attached as Exhibit “A” to Ordinance No. 20110912-007 is amended to reduce the “Billboard Registration Fee” to \$190 for the Code Compliance Department, as follows:

1 **Code Compliance Department – General Fund**

2 **Approved**

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3 **2010-11**

**2011-12**

**Change**

4 **Billboard Registration Fee** \$200 once a year \$190 [~~200~~] once a year (\$10)

5 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

6 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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12 Lee Leffingwell  
13 Mayor

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15 **APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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17 City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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